

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the subject application, and please amend the claims as follows:

1-37. (Canceled)

38. (Original) A method for securing a transversely oriented member to a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof comprising:

- a) disposing the transversely oriented member in proximity to a flap in a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof;
- b) folding the flap over at least a portion of the transversely oriented member to form a looped portion of the flap about the transversely oriented member; and
- c) securing the flap in the looped configuration.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38 wherein the flap is comprised of a portion of a layer of flexible material and the flap is secured to the layer of flexible material.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38 wherein the flap is secured in the looped configuration with adhesive.

41. (Original) The method of claim 38 wherein the flap is comprised of a portion of a first layer of flexible material and the flap secured to a portion of a second layer of flexible material.

42. (Original) The method of claim 38 wherein the flexible material comprises ePTFE.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42 wherein the flap is secured in the looped configuration by thermomechanical compaction.

44. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 42 wherein the flap is secured in the looped configuration with FEP or PFA.

45. (Original) The method of claim 42 wherein the ePTFE material of the flap is sintered after being secured in the looped configuration.

46. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The [[A]] method of claim 62 wherein the member is for securing a circumferentially oriented member to a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof comprising:

- a) ~~disposing a circumferentially oriented member in proximity to a flap in a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof;~~
- b) ~~folding the flap over at least a portion of the circumferentially oriented member to form a looped portion of the flap about the circumferentially oriented member; and~~
- c) ~~securing the flap in the looped configuration.~~

47. (Currently amended) The method of claim 62 ~~[[46]]~~ wherein the flap is comprised of a portion of a layer of flexible material and the flap is secured to the layer of flexible material.

48. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The method of claim 62 ~~[[46]]~~ wherein the flap is secured in the looped configuration with adhesive.

49. (Currently amended) The method of claim 62 ~~[[46]]~~ wherein the flap is comprised of a portion of a first layer of flexible material and the flap secured to a portion of a second layer of flexible material.

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim 62 ~~[[46]]~~ wherein the flexible material comprises ePTFE.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the flap is secured in the looped configuration by thermomechanical compaction.

52. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50 wherein the flap is secured in the looped configuration with FEP or PFA.

53. (Original) The method of claim 50 wherein the ePTFE material of the flap is sintered after being secured in the looped configuration.

54. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method of claim 62 wherein the member is for securing an expandable member to a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof comprising:

- ~~a) — disposing the expandable member in proximity to a flap in a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof;~~
- ~~b) — folding the flap over at least a portion of the expandable member to form a looped portion of the flap about the expandable member; and~~
- ~~c) — securing the flap in the looped configuration.~~

Claims 55 - 61 (Canceled)

62. (New) A method for securing a member to a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof comprising:

- a) disposing the member in proximity to a flap in a flexible material portion of an endovascular graft or section thereof;

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b) folding the flap over at least a portion of the member to form a looped portion of the flap about the transversely oriented member; and

c) securing the flap in the looped configuration.

63. (New) The method of claim 62 wherein the member is a transversely oriented member.